

RESOLUTION 052401

Supporting the renewal of the State Capital Improvements Program (Issue 2).

WHEREAS, the State Capital Improvements Program was created in 1987 following the passage of State Issue 2, which amended Section 2ki, Article VIII of the Ohio Constitution to permit the State to use its general fund as a revenue stream to support debt and issue up to \$120 million in bonds in each of the first five years and \$150 million in each of the second five years to provide financial assistance to local communities to improve their basic infrastructure.

WHEREAS, the legislature created the Ohio Public Works Commission to distribute the proceeds of the bonds and established nineteen local District Public Works Integrating Committees to recommend projects to the Ohio Public Works Commission for funding.

WHEREAS, in 1995, Ohio voters approved an amendment to Section M, Article VIII of the Ohio Constitution to reauthorize the State Capital Improvements Program for another ten years.

WHEREAS, the State Capital Improvements Program has greatly improved the local infrastructure around the State by distributing nearly \$2.3 billion in financial assistance.

WHEREAS, since its inception the State Capital Improvements Program has provided more than \$462 million to Cuyahoga County local governments to improve more than \$800 million in local infrastructure.

WHEREAS, resolutions have been introduced in the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate to extend the State Capital Improvements Program for another ten years permitting bonding authority for a total of \$135 billion.

AND, WHEREAS, the State Capital Improvements Program is a critical funding source for local communities by providing needed assistance to repair and rehabilitate infrastructure, the physical framework that supports and sustains economic activity, and provides needed jobs in the construction related industries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, considers the improvement of the State's infrastructure to be a priority and supports the renewal of the State Capital Improvements Program for another ten years and to issue \$120 million in bonds in each of the first five years and \$150 million in each of the second five years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Governor Bob Taft; Speaker of the House John Husted; Senate President Bill Harris; W. Laurence Bicking, Director of the Ohio Public Works Commission; the chair of the District One Public Works Integrating Committee; Robert C. Klaiber, Jr., P.E., P.S., County Engineer and Dennis Madden, County Administrator.

On Motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Dimora, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Ayes: Jones, Dimora, Hagan

Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

Penelope M. Hughes,
Clerk of the Board

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